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SUBJECT: SENATOR PERCY, JANUARY 21 LONDON DEPARTURE
- STATEMENT AND Q'S AND A'S

1. OPENING REMARKS

-- WELL, WE OUGHT TO HAVE MY DAUGHTER'S TELEVISION NETWORK HERE! MY DAUGHTER SHARON IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING. I MEAN, SHE RUNS MORE STATIONS THAN NBC, CBS AND ABC!

-- I WOULD LIKE TO START JUST ON A PERSONAL NOTE THAT THE NIGHT BEFORE I LEFT FOR THIS RATHER EXTENDED MID EAST TOUR -- THE LAST ONE OF THIS LENGTH THAT I HAD GONE ON WAS SEVEN YEARS AGO EXACTLY -- THE NIGHT BEFORE I LEFT, AT THE HOME OF AMBASSADOR HENDERSON, THE RESPECTED BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, I HAD DINNER WITH DOUGLAS HURD, THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR MIDDLE EASTERN AFFAIRS OF GREAT BRITAIN. AMBASSADOR HENDERSON ASKED THAT I COME OVER -- AS A GUEST -- AN HOUR OR SO EARLY -- SO THAT I COULD DISCUSS IN DETAIL BEFORE DINNER THE BRITISH PERCEPTION OF AFFAIRS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE BRITISH HAVE BEEN THERE SO LONG, HAVE A DEPTH OF UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEMS, THAT I BENEFITTED GREATLY. AS HE LEFT DINNER, HE SUGGESTED THAT IF AT ALL POSSIBLE I STOP BY LONDON ON MY WAY BACK. ACCORDING TO MY ORIGINAL SCHEDULE, IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO DO SO, BUT THREE DAYS AGO I FOUND IT POSSIBLE TO ALTER THE SCHEDULE, COME BY THROUGH LONDON, YESTERDAY, AND I DID HAVE AN EXTRAORDINARILY FINE MEETING WITH LORD CARRINGTON AND DOUGLAS HURD THIS MORNING.

-- IT WAS ALSO AN UNUSUAL COINCIDENCE, THAT LAST NIGHT, MY LONG TIME FRIEND OF MANY DECADES WHO LIVES JUST A FEW MILES FROM ME -- I LIVE IN KENNELWORTH, THEY LIVE IN WILMETTE -- ARE THE JOHN LOUISES WHO I HAVE BEEN SO PLEASED HAS BEEN AMBASSADOR NOW FOR SEVERAL MONTHS TO GREAT BRITAIN. TO HAVE A PERSONAL FRIEND HERE MADE ME FEEL VERY WARM AS I WALKED INTO THE EMBASSY, WHICH I HAVE DONE SO MANY TIMES BEFORE.

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2. BEGIN PREPARED STATEMENT:

-- I DID DECIDE TO VISIT LONDON AT THE END OF MY TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST BECAUSE OF MY FIRM CONVICTION THAT THE U.S. AND BRITAIN MUST CONSULT REGULARLY ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THAT VITAL AREA AS WELL AS OTHER VITAL AREAS IN THE WORLD, BUT PARTICULARLY THE MIDDLE EAST REQUIRES CLOSE CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED KINGDOM. I HAVE BEEN TRAVELLING IN THE MIDDLE EAST THIS TRIP SINCE DECEMBER 17. I HAVE VISITED 15 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ISRAEL AND TWO-THIRDS OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES, WHICH COMPRISE 75 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION OF THE ARAB WORLD. THE IMPRESSIONS I RECEIVED FROM TALKING WITH LEADERS AND OFFICIALS IN THESE COUNTRIES HAVE ENABLED ME TO REVIEW AT FIRST HAND THE PROBLEMS THAT TROUBLE THE MIDDLE EAST, THEREFORE, TROUBLE THE WORLD AND TO EXPLORE SOLUTIONS TO MANY OF THESE DIFFICULTIES.

-- IN VIEW OF GREAT BRITAIN'S SIGNIFICANT LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE REGION, PARTICULARLY IN THE GULF AREA, WHICH IS CRUCIAL TO WESTERN INTERESTS AND THE SURVIVAL OF THE FREE WORLD, I DID DECIDE TO STOP IN LONDON TO SHARE MY IMPRESSIONS WITH BRITISH LEADERS AND SEEK THEIR VIEWS ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS. ACCORDINGLY, I MET THIS MORNING WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY LORD CARRINGTON AND DOUGLAS HURD FOR A FULL EXCHANGE OF IDEAS ON THE MIDDLE EAST THAT WAS USEFUL IN HELPING ME TO PUT MY OWN EXPERIENCES IN

PERSPECTIVE.

-- AND I HAD THE UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY LAST NIGHT -- WITHOUT KNOWING THAT AMBASSADOR AND MRS JOHN LOUIS WERE HAVING A LARGE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AS WELL AS THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE FOR DINNER LAST NIGHT. I HAD A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH MANY OF THEM WHO WERE SO KNOWLEDGABLE IN AREAS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, PARTICULARLY THE GULF.

-- I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OCCASION TO MENTION THAT I INTRODUCED RESOLUTIONS IN THE SENATE LAUDING THE EFFORTS BY PRIME MINISTER THATCHER AND LORD CARRINGTON TO RESOLVE

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THE ZIMBABWE PROBLEM, AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR GREAT BRITAIN'S COOPERATION WITH AND SUPPORT OF U.S. POLICY ON POLAND AND AFGHANISTAN, ALL OF WHICH RESOLUTIONS WERE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES SENATE.

-- IN A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION LAST EVENING WITH SECRETARY HAIG, I ARRANGED TO HAVE A PRIVATE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN AND SECRETARY HAIG ON MY RETURN TO DISCUSS THE CONCLUSIONS THAT I REACHED DURING THIS TRIP. I WILL ALSO MEET WITH THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND THE LEADERSHIP OF THE SENATE IN A CLASSIFIED SESSION FOR A FULL RANGING DISCUSSION OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND SUBSEQUENTLY WILL BE MAKING A PUBLIC REPORT ON MY CONCLUSIONS WHILE BACK IN THE UNITED STATES.

-- THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

(END PREPARED STATEMENT)

Q. WILL YOU TAKE ANY QUESTIONS?

A. I'LL TAKE A FEW. I'D LIKE TO CONFINE THEM, IF I CAN, TO THE REGION.

Q. (ABC - JOHN DONVAN) I WAS WONDERING, SIR, WHETHER YOU HAVE ANY NEW IMPRESSION ON THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THERE WILL BE AN EARLY RESOLUTION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS ON PALESTINIAN AUTONOMY?

A. I BELIEVE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF CAMP DAVID REQUIRE THAT WE REACH A RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM PROVIDING FULL AUTONOMY FOR THE PALESTINIANS. THIS MATTER WILL BE SUBJECT OF NEGOTIATION BETWEEN EGYPT, THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL. I FEEL ABSOLUTELY CONFIDENT THE TRANSFER OF THE SINAI WILL OCCUR ON OR BEFORE APRIL 25TH. AND I HAVE RECEIVED THAT ASSURANCE DIRECTLY FROM PRIME MINISTER BEGIN AND FROM PRESIDENT MUBARAK IN IN-DEPTH DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM. THERE IS NO QUESTION IN MY MIND THAT DISCUSSIONS WILL CARRY ON STEADILY WITH RESPECT TO FULL AUTONOMY.

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THE DEFINITION OF WHAT FULL AUTONOMY IS, WHAT IT ENCOMPASSES, AND WHETHER IT WILL EMBRACE THE EXPECTATIONS OF ALL OF THE ARAB NATIONS IS YET TO BE DETERMINED BECAUSE IT IS STILL IN NEGOTIATION. BUT I STATE VERY CATEGORICALLY THAT IN MY JUDGEMENT, TWO THINGS MUST OCCUR: THERE WILL NEVER BE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST UNTIL THERE IS A PALESTINIAN HOMELAND AN ENTITY THE PALESTINIANS CAN CALL THEIR OWN. AND IT MUST EMBRACE ESSENTIALLY THE GAZA STRIP AND THE WEST BANK. BUT I ALSO SAY, THAT THERE WILL NOT BE ANY PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST UNTIL THERE IS A RECOGNITION BY THE ARAB NATIONS IN THAT AREA OF ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST AS A SOVEREIGN NATION, BEHIND DEFENSIBLE BORDERS AND OF ITS PEOPLE TO LIVE IN PEACE. IN FACT, ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE REGION TO LIVE IN PEACE. AND I WAS VERY IMPRESSED AS I WENT THROUGH THE ARAB WORLD OF THE GROWING RECOGNITION BY ARAB COUNTRIES THAT ISRAEL IS HERE TO STAY, MUST BE RECOGNIZED AS A SOVEREIGN NATION AND

THAT ALL PEOPLE IN THE REGION HAVE A NEED TO LIVE IN PEACE. AND THERE IS A DEEP DESIRE FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE STRONGEST DESIRE THAT I HAVE SEEN ON ANY TRIP THROUGH THE AREA.

G. (UNIDENTIFIED) IS THIS REALLY RECOGNITION OF THE REALITIES UNANIMOUS IN ALL THE ARAB STATES YOU VISITED?

A. IT VARIES IN INTENSITY, BUT I THINK IT IS IMPLICIT IN THE FAHD EIGHT POINT PLAN -- AFTER ALL SAUDI ARABIA IS A POWERFUL AND LEADING NATION IN THE ARAB WORLD -- AND I DO FEEL THAT THERE IS GROWING RECOGNITION OF THIS FACT AND OTHER MID-EASTERN EXPERTS HAVE BORNE OUT MY OWN CONCLUSIONS IN SUBSEQUENT TALKS WITH THEM THAT THIS NOW IS NOT AN INTRANGIBLE (SIC) POSITION BY THE ARAB NATIONS. IT IS SIMPLY ALWAYS SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS BEING MET AND THOSE CONDITIONS ARE BEST EMBRACED BY FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF UN 242 AND 338. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. (END OF TRANSCRIPT). LOUIS

END OF MESSAGE

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